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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 16, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CANDICE S. MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Colonel Kenneth J. Leinwand, U.S. Army, Ft. Meade Installation Chaplain, Ft. Meade, Maryland, offered the following prayer:

Almighty and sovereign God, in reverent humility, we turn heart and mind to You as we begin today's deliberations on behalf of the American people. We are eternally grateful for the priceless privilege of living in this great land. May we be worthy guardians of our precious heritage of freedom and democracy which inspires millions worldwide who long to be free from the yoke of tyranny and despair.

We pray that Your spirit of justice and compassion will guide us as we wrestle with the enormous challenges facing our country. Grant us clear, prophetic vision, forthrightness, steadfast strength, and courage to legislate and secure the American Dream for all people. Let not impatience and expediency cloud our judgment and diminish the trust bestowed upon us by the citizens we represent.

Lastly, Lord, we pray Your protection for all Americans, especially those who serve in uniform in distant lands. Guard and protect these, Your faithful servants, under the shadows of Your

wings. Grant them mission success and return them home in safety and peace. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KUCINICH led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### WELCOMING COLONEL KENNETH J. LEINWAND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Maryland for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. CARDIN. Madam Speaker, I want to join the United States House of Representatives today in welcoming Colonel Kenneth J. Leinwand, the installation chaplain for Ft. Meade. Colonel Leinwand is the highest-ranking active duty Jewish chaplain in the United States military.

The Colonel has been an active duty Army chaplain since 1977. He has served in Iraq, Desert Storm, Bosnia and Kosovo. From 2002 to 2004 he also served as the command chaplain for all U.S. Army ground forces in Europe. Colonel Leinwand has a deep respect and understanding of the religious plurality that exists in today's military. Throughout his almost 30-year military career, he has provided spiritual comfort and solace to soldiers of all faiths.

Colonel Leinwand has been awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, and the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

As installation chaplain for Ft. Meade, Colonel Leinwand has direct authority over four other chaplains and is responsible for all religious programs.

Madam Speaker, Colonel Leinwand has accomplished many firsts in the military as a rabbi and as a chaplain, and it is a great honor to have him with us today. I join the House of Representatives in welcoming him.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 10 one-minute speeches on each side.

### NSA TERRORIST SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I don't know about you, but I want to use all the tools in our arsenal to catch the terrorists and prevent another 9/11. That doesn't mean I advocate any infringements on the privacy of law-abiding citizens. Contrary to what some might have you believe, that is not what the NSA's Terrorist Surveillance Program is about. This program is not about domestic surveillance of law-abiding American citizens. The NSA Terrorist Surveillance Program is narrowly focused and is aimed only at international calls and targeted to track al Qaeda and other known terrorist groups.

Madam Speaker, we are engaged in war right now, a war of the most unconventional means, and we need to be able to track, anticipate, and most importantly inhibit the actions of known

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